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STOP THIEF!

WAS ran away with the 16th January, inst. by a certain THOMAS HUNT, a Bay HORSE, from the subscriber's team, as said Hunt was returning from Greensburgh, where he had been with a load of goods. Hunt says his parents live in the Forks of Yough, where he says he has a wife and two children; his age about 20 years, 5 feet 8 inches high, stout made, fair hair, which he commonly wears tied, grey or blue eyes, has a sleepy look, and when spoken to appears confused. The Horse is about 15 hands high, and will be 5 years old in the spring, has a large head, and rather small eyes, with a small star in his forehead, his mane is cut short on the near side, but on the off side part of it hangs down, his hams are much worn by the geers. Whoever shall secure the said Horse so that the subscriber may get him again, shall receive TEN DOLLARS Reward and reasonable expences, and TWENTY DOLLARS if the said Hunt shall also be secured in any jail.

JOHN M'CARTNEY.

Bedford Town, Pennsylvania, January 26, 1796.

WANTED,

By the Subscriber, in Union Town,

JOURNEYMEN NAILORS AND APPRENTICE BOYS.

Any person or persons wanting NAILS, can be furnished at a short notice, with any kind, and at as low a rate as the nature of the business will admit of.

ZADOC WALKER.

January 29, 1796.

NOTICE is hereby given to all persons who have any claims against the estate of WILLIAM WITHROW, late deceased, to exhibit their accounts properly attested, within one year from this date, otherwise they will be excluded. Those indebted to said estate are desired to make immediate payment to the subscribers.

RACHEL WITHROW, Executrix.
HENRY WESTBAY, } Executors.
MAT. JAMISON, }

Elizabeth Township, Allegheny County, February 2, 1796.

LANDS FOR SALE.

THE subscriber has the disposal of sundry Tracts of Land in Allegheny county, some of which are deeded, and some held by warrants; also a water Lot in Perry's Town, at the mouth of Turtle creek, an Island in the Allegheny river, and a number of improved Tracts on the north west side of said river, all which will be sold on reasonable terms.

NATHANIEL IRISH.

Pittsburgh, February 6, 1796.

Notice is hereby given to whom it may concern, that whereas Elizabeth, my wife, has, by the persuasion of Thomas Gaddis left my bed and board without any just cause, I do hereby forwarn all persons from trusting her on my account, as I am determined not to pay any debts of her contracting from this date.

his
SADORIOUS § SLOOP.
mark.

January 16, 1796.

I REQUEST all those in arrears for subscription for the PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, to make payment by the 10th of March next.— Those who do not pay attention to this notice, must blame themselves with what will follow.

JOHN SCULL.

Printing Office, Pittsburgh, February 4, 1796.

NOTICE.

ALL persons that have any demands against the estate of William Cochran, deceased, are hereby requested to bring in their accounts, properly adjusted, before the first day of March next: and all persons that are indebted to said estate by bond, note, or book account, are requested to pay off the same on or before the 10th of March next, otherwise they may expect to be dealt with as the law directs.

MARGARET COCHRAN, Admin.
ROBERT COCHRAN, } *Admins.*
JOHN COCHRAN, }

Derry township, Westmoreland county, January 22, 1796.

LAND FOR SALE.

PURSUANT *to the last Will and Testament of General Roberdeau, deceased, will be sold, the following TRACTS of LAND, viz.*

One Tract containing 500 acres, lying on Plumb creek, in Allegheny county, about ten miles from Pittsburgh, adjoining lands of Gen. O'Hara, and Mr. Jacob Haymaker.

Another Tract containing 300 acres, on the waters of Turtle creek, in the aforesaid county, 15 miles from Pittsburgh, bounded by land of Colonel Donaldson and others.

And also another Tract, containing 500 acres, in the county of Westmoreland, 22 miles from Pittsburgh, adjoing lands of Col. Irwin and Mr. Conrad Sitter. For terms of Sale apply at Col. John Irwin's in Westmoreland county to

JOHN MOORE, Agent for the Executors.

January 14, 1796.

STRAYED from the subscriber's farm at Washington's Bottom, Fayette county, in October last, a likely red and white Cow, 5 years old, neither ear mark or brand to be seen. She was bought out of Col. Canon's drove a few weeks before. Any person giving information where said Cow may be had, shall be rewarded and all reasonable charges paid by

ISRAEL SHREVE.

January 4, 1796.

BROKE into the inclosure of the subscriber at Washington's Bottom, Fayette county, some time last month, a Bay Mare, near 14 hands high, no brand, one eye nearly blind. The owner is desired to come, prove property, pay charges, and take her away.

JOHN JONES.

January 4, 1796.

William Semple

HAS removed his STORE from Col. Presle Neville's Stone House in Second street, to the Yellow House above St. Andrew's Bridge in Front street, and between James Clow and John Shaw's.

Those who are indebted to him are requested once more to settle their accounts before the first of February next either with himself, or in his absence with Adamson Tannehill, Esq. or William Caldwell, at Messrs. Smith & Shiras's Brewery, otherwise they need not expect any further indulgence.

Pittsburgh, 10th January, 1796.

N. B Those indebted to ANDREW WATSON & Co. will please to settle their accounts with Andrew Watson, or with Adamson Tannehill, Esq.

CONGRESS.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, *January* 20.

A BILL was read from the Senate to amend an act for encouraging the useful arts, by granting patents to inventors &c.

Sundry petitions were presented and referred.

The appropriation bill was taken up in the house. The motion for striking out the items for the Mint establishment, in order to defer the appropriation on this head, till the subject was generally examined was lost 40 to 45. The motion for striking out the item of 18,300 dollars the deficiency of last years appropriation from the Mint, was also lost. The motion for striking out an item of 10,000 dollars for the purchase of copper, was also lost, 38 to 44. The bill was then ordered to be engrossed for a third reading to-morrow.

A communication was read from the War Department, relative to the fortifications, which was ordered to be printed, and was referred to the committee on that subject.

The report of the committee of elections in the case of Mr. Clopton, was taken up. The petitioning candidate making no opposition to it, the report was accepted, which confirms Mr. Clopton in his seat.

One of the petitions presented in this sitting, was from the port of Albany, praying to be made a port of entry and delivery.

THURSDAY, *January* 21.

The clerk informed the house the speaker was ill, and unable to attend. The house, after some conversation, adjourned.

FRIDAY, *January* 22.

This day when the house met, the clerk read a letter from the speaker. He informed Mr. Beckly that his indisposition was abated and he had every reason to think that he should be able to attend his duty on Monday.

Mr. W. Smith immediately moved for an adjournment till Monday. Fifty two members rose in the affirmative and the motion accordingly passed.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, *January* 25.

Several petitions were presented and disposed of.

A report was made by the committee on the Federal City, which recommends two resolutions in substance as follows:

Resolved that the President of the United States be authorised to borrow such sums as in his judgment he shall see necessary, not exceeding in the whole 500,000 dollars, not more than 200,000 dollars in one year, to complete the public buildings in the city of Washington. The loan to be secured on the public property of said city; the rate of interest to be by him agreed and the term of payment, which is not, however, to be before the year 1800. The United States to guarantee the loan, should the property of the city prove inadequate, and that they engage to make good any eventual deficiency.

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the commissioners appointed under the act establishing the temporary and permanent seat of government, to render every six months to the Secretary of the Treasury an account of the monies expended, of the progress made and of the funds remaining in their hands, and an account of their administration—all to be laid before Congress.

Referred to a committee of the whole for Monday next, and ordered to be printed.

A militia bill was reported, twice read, referred to a committee of the whole for Monday next, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Goodhue, on behalf of the committee appointed to report on the compensations for the officers of government, asked that one member be added to that committee, as it consisted now of four who were equally divided. Mr. Coit was added.

Communications were received from the Treasury Department relative to the exports of the United States. Ordered to be printed.

A bill to regulate the intercourse with the Indian tribes, and preserve the peace of the frontiers, was brought in, read a first and second time, referred to a committee of whole on Thursday, and ordered to be printed.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, *January* 26.

Sundry petitions were presented and disposed of.

A report of the committee of claims sundry private petitions were taken up acted upon.

Mr. Smith (M) laid the following reso on on the table.

Resolved, That the committee of c merce and manufactures do consider wh any and what alterations are necessary in laws of the Union with respect to comm and navigation.

He observed, that it was the interest o United States to hold such a conduct respect to foreign nations as to comm their good will. Europe is likely to h peace, when they will no doubt turn m of their attention to the commerce, therefore was the time to place our own such a footing as not to give umbrage or c for discontent. He wished the legislatu turn their attention to their system of telling duties. He considered them as m sures of commercial warfare against for nations which might in peaceable times voke retaliation.

France, he observed, in 91 had actually gan retaliation. In consequence of t protecting duties that nation felt that were running away with her carrying tr and to countervail this in 91 laid additi duties upon tobacco imported there in A rican bottoms. He stated the amount of diferiminating duty and its effect. He gested that France when freed from the sent war might extend her policy in thi rection to other articles, as rice, fish, and thus diminish our carrying trade and crease their own.

He shewed, that on this ground Fr had us more in their power than we them, since the chief of our imports f that country are fine goods of no grea b while our exports were on the contrary ry bulky articles. He insisted much u a change at the present time in our system protecting duties, for if France once en ed peace and began to reap the advantage retaliating in the same way, it might the difficult, though we should recede to p duce a change on their part. It was th fore our interest, to desist in time from measure which might provoke this wa retaliation.

He further stated, that in 91 the merch of Liverpool sent the effects of our prot ing duties and handed a remonstrance to king in council, stating, that the Americ by means of their protecting duties w engrossing the whole of the carrying tr between the two countries. The mini wisely referred a confederation of the b nefits to certain eminent merchants of L don and Bristol, who acknowledged the f but recommended to the minister not to t up the matter with warmth, as America an excellent market for the British manu tures. The minister in consequence of wholesome advice had avoided entering i a war of retaliation; but had procured dress by negociation. The English find th remedy in the late treaty; which secures them the right of countervailing the effect those discriminating duties, while the sa instrument prevents our enacting from protecting duties to operate against the B tish. If the existing protecting duties not withdrawn, the countervailing regul ons of the British will be a constant subject misunderstanding and negociation, they h therefore better be put out of the way.

He stated some calculations according which, the British by laying a small discri nating duty on our staple commodities i ported into that country, in favour of th own shipping, could take from us the wh of the carrying trade, to our great detrime

These were his fears as a merchant and representative from a mercantile commu ty, he hoped therefore to see those du done away, and for this purpose chiefly wished the business generally to come un the view of the committee of commerce a manufactures.

The resolution was ordered to lie on t table.

Mr. Tracy laid on the table resolutions the following effect.

Resolved, That the privilege of franki be extended to the accountant of the w department.

Resolved, That the salary of the accou ant of the war department be encreased dollars.

The first of these resolutions he wished ferred to the committee on post offices a

t roads, the latter to the committee on
petition of Nathaniel Appleton.
The following motion was laid on the ta-
by Mr. Harper. Resolved that the num-
of copies of the laws and treaties of the
ited States directed to be printed the last
ion be augmented to copies, and that
ommittee be appointed to bring in a bill
that purpose.
Mr. Smith reported a bill for the sale of
ds in the south western territory. Twice
d and referred to the committee of the
ole for Tuesday next. Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, *January* 27.

Sundry petitions were presented called up
disposed of.
A report was read from the committee of
ims on sundry petitions, all of which
re negatived in the report, which was
eed to by the house.—The petitioners
e as follow.
Ebenezer Lord and Sarah his wife, Joseph
nton, James Bonney, William Thompson,
n Toran, William Courtney, Ebenezer
tson, David Grant, John Andrew Meyer,
omas Cretier, Elizabeth Cutney, Rupert
ith, Timothy K———, Margaret Lent,
y. John Lewellin, A. Raret, William
dout, John Higbee, Francis Monteath,
lliam Waddy, Fred. Foltz, Henry Dres-
, Nathan Davis.
The report against the petition of Reuben
lbourn, was taken up. When it was first
en into consideration, we stated fully the
its of the case. After some debate, a
tion was made, that the committee rise
d report progress, that time might be giv-
to obtain evidence of the alledged fact—
t the claim of the petitioner was promis-
to be settled when it was brought for-
d to the office of Mr. Imlay, a continen-
commissioner at Boston. This motion
the committee's rising, was agreed to,
to 37.
On motion of Mr. Buck, Charles Whit-
had leave to withdraw the written agree-
nt which had been delivered by him to
house.
The report of the committee of claims on
petition of Sarah Smart, was taken up.
s report negatives the petition, and was
eed to.
Mr. Venable of the committee of electi-
, brought in a report on the memorial of
athew Lyon, against the election of Israel
ith, from the state of Vermont.
This report concludes in the following
rds—"That Israel Smith is entitled to
ake his seat in this house."
In committee of the whole, on the report
the committee of claims, on the petition
William Morris and others; This report
gatives the petition, and was agreed to by
committee of the whole, and the vote of
committee concurred in by the house.
Mr. Harper laid the following resolution
the table:
Resolved, That——copies of all reports
de to either house of congress by the
ads of departments up to the present
ne be printed for the use of the members,
d that a committee be appointed to bring
a bill accordingly.
The report of the committee of claims on
petition of John Turner, which is against
petition, was agreed to.
The report of the committee of elections,
the memorial of Mathew Lyon, was
de the order of the day for Wednesday
t; interim to be printed.
Adjourned.

The following Statements have been submit-
ted to the House of Representatives of the
United States, by the Secretary of War.

REPORT
FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF WAR,
Relative to the FORTIFICATIONS of the
PORTS AND HARBOURS
OF THE UNITED STATES.

STATE of the FORTIFICATIONS.

PORTLAND, in the District of Maine.
THE works consist of a fort, a citadel, a
ttery for ten pieces of cannon, an artillery
e, a guard house, an air furnace for heat-
shot, and a covered way from the fort
the battery.
The works are substantially executed, ex-
ting the covered way; to complete this,
earth on the spot being of a bad quality
h the necessary supports of stones and
, is estimated at four hundred dollars.
veling the earth round the works, fenc-
the land pertaining to them, a pump
the well, painting the wood work, and
dering the whole perfectly complete: the
mate is four hundred and seventy one
lars, in the whole eight hundred and se-
ty one dollars.
PORTSMOUTH, New Hampshire.
The works consist of a fort, a citadel, an
illery store and a reverberatory furnace.
ese are all compleated, excepting a little
penters work, suspended to let the wood
, and which may cost about fifty dol-
. But a small and unforeseen expence
t be incurred for a drain to carry the wa-
from the magazine, and may cost one
dred dollars.
GLOUCESTER, Cape Ann.
The works consist of a battery and a cita-
. These are all compleated. But to in-
the fort towards the town, the cost is
mated at one thousand four hundred dol-
lars. This however may be postponed till circumstances require it to be done.

SALEM.

The works consist of a fort and a citadel. A gate remains to be made, and some repairs to the walls.

MARBLEHEAD.

A battery and a citadel have been erected. Any works may be suspended until circumstances shall change.

NEWPORT, in Rhode-Island.

For the defence of this harbour, there have been erected on Goat-Island a fort, a citadel and an air furnace. The excellency and importance of this harbour in time of war, recommended a farther expenditure to render the defence compleat. To finish the fort, erect an artillery store, and make a covered way round it, as in a regular fortification the expence is estimated at about six thousand dollars

There have also been erected a citadel of Tammany hill, back of the town of Newport for the protection of its inhabitants; and a battary and guard house at Howland's ferry, at the northern end of the Island, to keep open a communication with the main, in case of an invasion. But to secure effectually this communication a citadel should be erected on Butt's hill, that position commanding Howland's ferry and Bristol ferry. The cost of it is estimated at eighteen hundred dollars.

NEW-LONDON,

The works consisting of a fort and citadel on the Grotton side of the harbour, and of a fort, a citadel and an air furnace on the New-London side. They remain incompleat. Under present circumstances a small expenditure may be proper merely to preserve what has been done.

NEW-YORK,

Governor's Island has been fortified with a fort made of mud and two batteries under its protection, partly lined with brick masonry, two air furnaces, a large powder magazine, and a barrack for the garrison; the whole compleated.

PHILADELPHIA.

A large pier, is the foundation for a battery on a sand bar opposite Mud Island to make a cross fire has been compleated. A fort on Mud Island is about half done; and a citadel has been erected. To compleat the fort, and on a plan much more circumscribed than was at first projected, the expence is estimated at fifteen thousand dollars.

WILMINGTON, in the Delaware state.

Nothing has been done. The project of erecting a fort there has been abandoned as useless.

BALTIMORE.

A battery and barracks have been constructed, and some guns are mounted.

ANNAPOLIS.

Some progress had been made in the construction of a fort and battery, and a barrack has been erected. But an examination of the works by an engineer, other than the one first employed produced an unfavourable report of the plan and of the works; and under actual circumstances induced a relinquishment of them.

A similar report as to the plan and situation of the work, at

ALEXANDRIA,

induced a like relinquishment.

NORFOLK.

Two forts intended to cross their fire, are erected on the opposite sides of the harbour. The one on the Norfolk side, with barracks and a powder magazine, is compleated. The other, fort Nelson, on the Portsmouth side, is very far advanced, and a powder magazine has been erected. The principle work remaining to be done is opening of seven embrasures, compleating the Glacis, and removing the hearth from within side of the fort, where it is two feet and a half two high. The expence of doing this, and compleating the fortification may be estimated at five thousand dollars.

OCRACOCK, in North-Carolina

The defence proposed, was to erect a fort on Beacon Island. The foundation was laid in 1794. The situation is so far removed (about ninety miles) from any inhabitants, and so exposes any works to injuries from storms, that nothing but an impending or actual war would seem to authorise the construction of a fort there, and furnishing it with a proper garrison.

WILMINGTON, in North Carolina.

The battery on the whole front of the fort has been compleated, and a barrack and powder magazine have been erected.

GEORGE TOWN, South Carolina.

A battery was begun, and materials collected, when the work was suspended, the owner of the land previously desiring to ascertain the terms on which it was to be occupied for the fortification and for the road of communication with it. The unhealthiness of the situation, and other circumstances, authorise an abandonment of the work, until war actual or impending shall require it to be resumed.

CHARLESTON, South Carolina.

The work planned for Sullivan's Island, of which the foundation only was laid in 1794, being on a scale supposed too extensive for the funds destined to this service, was directed to be left as it was. For the same reason, a new work proposed by the engineer on a point on the opposite side of the harbour from fort Johnson, was not attempted.

A battery has been erected in the town by the mechanics.

There remained only fort Johnson, on which directions were given to make such repairs as would preserve the works already constructed, and render them serviceable. The engineer omitted the work. The officer in command at the fort, has undertaken to make the necessary repair for the works and barrack; and his intelligence and experience leave no room to doubt but these will be done.

SAVANNAH, in Georgia.

The work consists of a battery, at present destined only for six guns, made of timbers filled with earth, inclosed behind with pickets. with a guard house for the garrison, which were in train to be compleated early in the last autumn.

St. MARY's, in Georgia.

The work consists of a battery made of timbers filled with earth and inclosed with pickets. By the personal report of the superintendant it must have been compleated.

GENERAL REMARK.

The few ports of the highest importance to the commerce of the United States, in situations to demand for their security, fortifications of such kinds and extent as cannot suddenly be erected, prudence may require to have fortified in time of peace, and with durable materials.

TIMOTHY PICKERING

WAR OFFICE, January 16, 1795.

Legislature of Pennsylvania.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, *January* 20.

A RESOLUTION from the Senate for the rising of the Legislature in March, was presented by the clerk.

The house resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for establishing schools throughout this commonwealth, and after a considerable debate, a question was put upon the first section and agreed to.—The committee rose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again, which was granted.

THURSDAY, *January* 21.

The house resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to provide for the instruction of youth throughout this commonwealth, and after some debate the committee rose and reported the bill with amendments.

FRIDAY, *January* 22.

The committee appointed to consider the propriety of selling the house intended to accommodate the President of the United States, the purchase of another in case of sale or of finishing the one now in contemplation for him, made report, that in their opinion the house intended for the President ought to be finished, and that a committee should be appointed to bring in a bill to make provision for finishing the same.

Several other committees made report.

The house resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill from the Senate to extend for a longer period an act entitled, "an act to enable aliens to purchase and hold real estates within this commonwealth." A few remarks were made on the impropriety of the bill, and on the question to agree to the same, it was rejected unanimously.—The committee rose, and the chairman reported the bill as disagreed to.

The house then resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on a bill supplementary to the act, entitled, "an act to provide for ascertaining the arrearage of taxes due from the respective counties of this commonwealth and on motion the committee rose and reported progress.

On motion, the bill was referred to a special committee.

The house proceeded to the consideration of the bill for the education of youth throughout this commonwealth, and after some debate the committee rose and reported the bill with amendments.

SATURDAY, *January* 23.

Several petitions were presented from the citizens of Dauphin county, praying the turnpike road might be extended from Lancaster to Middletown.

A petition from the Trustees of the academy at Washington, praying a donation from the legislature, to erect the buildings necessary for the institution, was presented and read.

Several petitions were presented and read.

The house proceeded to the consideration of the bill for the instruction of youth thro'out this commonwealth. A substitute was offered to the 5d section, containing the principle of subscription instead of taxation, which was lost 42 to 30, and on the question the 3d section was agreed to. The further consideration of the bill was postponed until Monday.

MONDAY, *January* 25.

A petition from the President and managers of the Susquehannah and Schuylkill Canal Navigation, and of the Schuylkill and Delaware Canal Navigation, was presented, read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The house proceeded to the further consideration of the bill for the education of youth.—The first and second on motion re-considered, and after some amendments. The was likewise agreed to after 37 to 37.—The further consi bill was postponed till Wedne

TUESDAY, *January*

A petition was presented, number of the citizens of Bucks ing certain defects in the law destine marriages, and praying

The report of the committee sylvania Hospital; which had order of the day, was taken up, tion was postponed.

The bill for ceding to the Uni two certain out lots of the town was read a third time and passed.

The memorial from the Presid nagers of the Susquehannah and and of the Schuylkill and Delaw Companies, was read a second t ferred to the committee on roads navigation.

The petition of the masters and ion was read a second time, and a committee.

The petition praying for a turnpi Lancaster to Middletown, was read time and committed.

WEDNESDAY, *January* 27.

The clerk of the Senate presented for the division of Washington county, which they had made some amendments.

A message from the Governor by the secretary of the commonwealth, relative to the proceedings of the Commissioners for laying out towns on the north-western frontiers, with the documents referred to, was received, and ordered to lie on the table.

The orders of the day were postponed.

American Intelligence.

NEW-YORK, *January* 28.

Extract of a letter from a gentleman in Savannah, dated January 18.

"We are at present without any news, though the minds of our citizens are much agitated by the apprehension of a repeal of the late act for disposing of our Western territory. The legislature are now in session and party spirit runs so high that the lives of some of the members cannot be ensured. There was certainly a fraud made use of in passing the act, and if this fraud, perjury or corruption be proved the act is null and void. If this be the case, and the land is to be sold, it will command a price, the interest of which will pay the expences of our civil list and free the inhabitants from all future taxes—which may God of his infinite mercy grant."

Foreign papers mention that the Russian trade to Persia over the Caspian Sea, has very much increased the last year, particularly in the export of Russian cloths. The course of this trade is down the rivers of Russia, over the Caspian to Derbent, or other places in Persia, and is the same as that destroyed by Tamerlane.

In a Dublin Journal, a room is advertised to be let in Cut Purse Row, *to which is added with a Nota Bene, very convenient for an Attorney.*

NEWPORT, (R. I.) January 19.

A PUBLIC UTILITY.

A new constructed Amphibious Carriage.

The subscriber takes this method to inform his friends and the community at large that he has completed his experiment.

This carriage is of the full size, capable of accommodating three persons; and is neither stopped or impeded solely by the conduct of the carriage; which is turned to the right or left, fast or slow, at his option; and is turned about with as much ease, and in less time, as is possible for a span of horses to do. It stands on six arch poles, which is shifted from its standing with dispatch and ease, by the performance of the rider into a perpendicular post which extends about ten feet in the air, and is inverted, in several directions, as occasion requires, and is not detrimental to travelling against the wind. There is erected, between from the frontispiece, the figure Fame, which takes its flight with the movement of the carriage, and what causes the flight of the figure or the movement of the carriage is imperceptible to the spectators,—To specify more particulars is superfluous, and too tedious to enumerate.

As the proprietor has been at a very great expence in this experiment, he has been prevailed on, by a number of worthy citizens, who are ever ready to advance and promote arts and the scientific branches, which may redound to the public weal, induces him to prosecute the work in this town, as he expects soon to proceed on a journey to the westward.

I am the public's most obedient humble servant,

ABIJAH BABCOCK.

BALTIMORE, *January*

Accounts by the Alknomack, arrived yesterday from Lisbon, say that Colonel Humphreys safely landed at that place [illegible] from Havre-de-Grace, in a brig [illegible] to the United States; & it was reported she was to sail for Algiers, for the

of bringing off the American citizens who have been so long in captivity at that place.

It was also said, that Capt. O'Brian, who was at Lisbon, was to return to Algiers in the brig.

PHILADELPHIA, *January 27.*

Captain Steele arrived at New-York from Cadiz, in 48 days, informs, that the treaty between America and Spain, was put on board of a ship commanded by Capt. Cole, bound to Boston, which sailed from Cadiz 48 hours before Capt. Steele.

Extract of a letter from Montego-Bay, dated December 22.

"Before this reaches you, a variety of reports will no doubt prevail about peace. The inclosed proposals are authentic, and to-morrow at twelve o'clock, they surrender at the Old Maroon town. Montague James has sent to the party under the Maroon leader Johnson, who was formerly report to have been killed, to come in. Johnson commanded the party, who were engaged with the regulars, militia, and black shot, on Wednesday the 16th instant.

Proposals of the Maroon's for peace.

1st. That they would on their knees beg his majesty's pardon:

2d. That they would go to Old town, Montego-Bay, or any other place that might be pointed out, and would settle on whatever lands the Governor, Council, and Assembly, might think proper to allot.

3. That they would give up all runaways.

'I grant the above,

'G. WALPOLE, Major Gen.

his

'Montague X James.

mark

Done on Guard-Hill,
21st Dec. 1795."

Pittsburgh, February 13.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES.

26th JANUARY, 1796.

Read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House, on Tuesday next.

A BILL:

Establishing OFFICES *for the Sale of* LANDS *in the Territory north-west of the River* OHIO.

SECTION 1. BE *it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That two offices shall be established for the sale of the lands on the north-west side of the river Ohio, in which the titles of the Indian tribes have been extinguished: That one of the said offices shall be kept at the seat of the government of the United States, and the other in the territory north-west of the river Ohio: That the superintendants of the said offices shall, severally, before they enter on the execution of their offices, take an oath, or affirmation, that they will faithfully execute the duties of their respective offices, and that they will not purchase in their own name, nor that of any other person, any part of the lands intrusted to them to sell on behalf of the United States.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the superintendant of the land-office at the seat of government of the United States, shall cause the lands on the north-west side of the river Ohio, in which the titles of the Indian claims have been extinguished, and which have not been already disposed of under the authority of the United States, to be surveyed, and parallel lines marked through the same, at the distance of six miles from each other, in such manner as shall be most convenient for dividing the said lands, where the same will admit of such division, into townships of six miles square; and shall cause the stations in the said lines, which will be the corners of the said townships when laid off, to be distinctly marked with progressive numbers, from the beginning of the first of the said parallel lines; and shall also cause every distance of a mile between the said stations to be distinctly marked: That a fair plat of the said lands, describing the said parallel lines, and the stations therein, according to their numbers, shall be returned to the office of the said superintendants, to be by them kept in their respective offices.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the said lands shall be sold only in tracts of three miles square, which shall corner at one of the before mentioned stations, and shall be bounded on one side by one of the before mentioned parallel lines. That as soon as the said plots are returned to the said superintendants, the superintendant of the office at the seat of the government of the United States shall, for the space of

notice in the several states and territories, by the public prints and otherwise, that proposals will be received by the said superintendants during the space of

any tract or tracts of the said lands, bounded as before mentioned, at any price not less than two dollars per acre: That the said proposals shall be delivered sealed, and shall be kept so sealed during the whole time in which proposals may be received.—That after the said time shall have expired, the said proposals shall be entered in a book in the offices respectively, and the said superintendants shall interchange copies of the books so made by them. That at a day certain, to be previously fixed in the before mentioned notice, the said superintendants shall declare, who are entitled to the said several tracts of land which shall be determined as follows: The person who offers the highest price for any tract of land, shall be entitled to a pre-emption in the said tract; and where two or more persons offer the same price for the same tract, the pre-emption shall be determined by lot, to be drawn at the seat of government of the United States, in presence of the Secretaries of State and of the United States.

Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the person who shall be declared to be entitled to the pre-emption of any tract of land, shall, within ten days thereafter, pay to the treasurer of the United States, one half the sum by him offered for the said land, unless his proposals were made to the superintendant of the office in the said territory; in which case he may, if he prefer it, pay the same to That in case of failure in the person who shall be entitled to the pre-emption in any tract of land to pay the said half of the sum by him offered, within ten days as aforesaid, the person who had made the next highest offer for the said tract, or in case of decision by lot, the person for whom was drawn the next highest number, shall have the pre-emption in the said land, on the terms of payment before mentioned: That on payment of the said moiety of the money offered for any tract of land, by the person having the pre-emption of the same, the superintendant of the office where the proposal was made, shall give to the said person a certificate thereof, containing an exact description of the land for which the same was paid, and declaring that the said person shall receive a patent for the said land, if he shall pay a like sum to the treasurer of the United States, within the space of twelve months. That the superintendant of the land-office, at the seat of government of the United States, shall, on payment of the sum of money mentioned in any such certificate, to the treasurer of the United States, grant the tract of land for which the same was paid, by patent under his hand and seal of his office, and countersigned by but all right, title and claim to any tract of land shall cease and determine, unless the payment shall be completed in twelve months, as aforesaid; and all monies before paid for the same shall be forfeited. That the said superintendants shall record all certificates of patents by them respectively issued, and shall make returns thereof, under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury; and the said shall make a list of all patents by him countersigned.

Sec. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That before he shall receive any monies under this act, shall give bond, with a sufficient security, that he will faithfully account for and pay all monies by him received under the authority thereof.

Sec. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That the following fees shall be paid to the said superintendents, for the services required, viz. For receiving proposals of purchase for each tract of three miles square, two dollars; for a certificate for each tract of three miles square, ten dollars; and for a patent for each tract of three miles square, ten dollars.—And the said fees shall be the fund for paying expences incurred under this act, and for that purpose shall be at the disposal of the President of the United States.

And whereas from the inaccuracy of the said parallel lines, there may be more or less than three miles squares in the quarter of any township.

Sec. 7. *Be it further enacted*, That the said tracts of three miles square shall, in all cases, be construed to be a quarter of the township to which they respectively belong.

Sec. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That warrants for bounties granted for military services by the United States, shall be receivable at the said offices, in payment of one-seventh part of any purchase made under this act.

Eight Dollars Reward.

RANAWAY from the subscriber living in Pittsburgh, the 15th of January last, an apprentice Lad named WILLIAM PORTER, a sadler by trade, about 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, slender made, fair complexion; had on and took with him, a coating coat and overalls, a corduroy vest, a jean jacket with sleeves, and overalls of the same, two new shirts of country linen, and a felt hat. Whoever delivers said apprentice to the subscriber in Pittsburgh, shall receive the above reward and reasonable charges, paid by

MOSES THOMSON.

February 5, 1796.

WANTED,

A Quantity of

JOINT SHINGLES.

Chesnut or Pine, for which the Cash will be paid on delivery. Any person wishing to contract, may know the terms by applying to the subscriber.

GEORGE ROBINSON.

Pittsburgh, February 9, 1796.

Came to the plantation of the subscriber living in Franklin township, Westmoreland county, sometime after last harvest, a year old red Heifer, without any mark. The owner is desired to come, prove property, pay charges, and take her away.

ABRAHAM SNYDER.

February 1st, 1796.

Came to the plantation of the subscriber, in Allegheny county, 10 miles from Pittsburgh, two Steers, one of them black and white, the other brindled, with a hole and a piece cut out of the off ear. The owner by proving property and paying charges may have them again.

ROBERT HAYS.

Charties Creek, Feb. 10, 1796.

Delivered to me as a stray, a strawberry roan Mare, about 12 hands high, supposed to be six years old, no brand or mark perceivable, was taken up by Archibald Bruce, on Big Sugar creek, a branch of French creek. The owner is desired to come, prove property, pay charges, and take her away.

WILLIAM ELLIOT,
Wood-ranger for Allegheny county.

February 4, 1796.

TO BE LET,

A COMPLEAT *SAW MILL*, in good repair, for the term of one or two years, as may be agreed on, on Chartiers creek, four miles from Pittsburgh, with a convenient Boat-yard. The mill has water during the whole year. If wanted a team may be had with the mill. For terms apply to

ROBERT BALDWIN.

February 8, 1796.

Curious Correspondence.—There is a man of the name of Mannife, in the South of Ireland, who is a very proper person to join the French Knight Errants, to effect a counter-revolution. The man, in describing a conflict with the White-Boys, wrote, a few weeks ago, to Government, the following particulars:

"As the devil would have it please you, my Lord I *led* on, a troop of dragoons against the White Boys, myself being in the *rear*, for fear the troops should flinch. We were attacked by about 20,000 of them, whom we peppered *front* and *rare* as they were *running away*. In the course of the night, the sun never saw such wonders—for the serjeant cut of at one stroke the heads of three of the ringleaders, who, I am sorry to say, *made their escape*, through the darkness of the night."

The preceding is literally copied from an Irish newspaper.

COURAGE.

BRASIDAS, a Spartan General, who was distinguished for his bravery and generosity, once seized a mouse, and being bit by it, suffered it to escape: "There is no animal," said he, "so contemptible, but may be safe, if he have courage to defend himself."

HUDIBRAS says, that those who can talk on trifles speak with the greatest fluency, because their tongue is like a race-horse, which runs the faster the less weight it carries."

ANECDOTE.

OLIVER CROMWELL, while carrying on a war in Scotland, was riding near Glasgow, at the head of a body of horse. A Scotch soldier, planted on a high wall, took the opportunity to fire at him, but missed him. Oliver, without slackening or drawing his rein, turned round and said, "Fellow, if any trooper of mine had missed such a mark, he should have an hundred lashes." He did not even order the man to be seized, and he made his escape. A rare example of true courage.

By Yesterday's Mail.

PHILADELPHIA, *Feb.* 6.

Latest London Accounts.

Wednesday afternoon, the letter bag of the ship Amiable, Captain Tillinghast, from Liverpool, was received at the Post Office. She sailed on the first of December, and brings letters late in November. These letters are said to contain no intelligence of a political nature, and she is said to bring no very late papers. We have been however favored with two London Couriers of the 13th & 14th November, two days later than our former accounts.—These contain nothing very important.

The extracts given in the Eastern papers under Irish heads, contain nothing respecting the state of that county, except notice of a meeting at Cork "to take into consideration the present alarming high price of provisions."—the Boston Mercury gives the following paragraph as to Irish affairs:

"That a revolution is systematized in Ireland; and a short period will discover it to the world. Commotions are frequent & every day more alarming."

Both branches of the Massachusetts legislature, in answer to the Governor's speech at the opening of the session, have expressed their desire not to interfere with the treaty-making power, and their confidence in the federal authorities.

The nett revenue of the post office for last year amounted to upwards of 40,000 dollars.

A Statement of the present Military Force of the United States.

GENERAL STAFF. 1 Major General, 1 Brigadier General, 1 Adjutant General, 1 Pay-master, 1 Surgeon, 1 Chaplain.

CAVALRY. 1 Major, 3 Captains, 3 Lieutenants, 2 Cornets, 240 Non Commissioned Officers and privates.

ARTILLERY. 1 Lieutenant Colonel, 4 Majors 15 Captains, 27 Lieutenants, 1 Surgeon, 4 Surgeon's Mates, 731 Non Commissioned and Privates.

INFANTRY. 4 Lieutenant Colonels, 12 Majors, 44 Captains, 43 Lieutenants, 27 Ensigns, 3 Surgeons, 12 Surgeon's Mates, 2257 Non Commissioned and Privates.

TOTAL. 1 Major General, 1 Brigadier General, 1 Adjutant General, 1 Pay-master, 1 Surgeon, 1 Chaplain, 5 Lieutenant Colonels, 17 Majors, 62 Captains, 73 Lieutenants, 2 Cornets, 27 Ensigns, 4 Surgeons, 16 Surgeon's Mates, 3228 Non Commissioned and Privates.

With Gen. Wayne, including the garrisons on the lower parts of the Ohio, and in advance of Fort Washington. - -	2039
At Pittsburgh, Fort Franklin, Presqu-Isle, &c. - -	222
In Georgia, - - - -	78
Sailed to Georgia, - - -	272
In the South Western Territory, -	33
At West-Point, fortifications of the harbours, and the several recruiting rendezvous, - -	584
TOTAL	3228

BY AUTHORITY.

BY GEORGE WASHINGTON,

PRESIDENT *of the* UNITED STATES.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS by an act supplementary to the act, entitled "An act establishing a mint, and regulating the coins of the United States," passed on the third day of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety five, "The President of the United States, is authorized, whenever he shall think fit for the benefit of the United States to reduce the weight of the copper coin of the United States; provided such reduction shall not in the whole, exceed two penny weights in each cent, and in like proportion in a half cent, of which he shall give notice by proclamation:"

And whereas on account of the increased price of copper and expense of coinage, I have thought it would be for the benefit of the United States to reduce the weight of the copper coin of the United States, one penny weight and sixteen grains in each cent, and in like proportion in each half cent, and the same has, since the twenty seventh day of December last, been reduced accordingly: I hereby give notice thereof; and that all cents and half cents, coined and to be coined at the mint of the United States from and after the said twenty seventh day of December, are to weigh the cents each seven penny-weights, and the half cents, each three penny-weights and twelve grains.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I the said George Washington, President of the United States, have caused the seal of the United States to be hereto affixed, and signed the same with my hand.

(L. S.) DONE at the city of Philadelphia on the 26th day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety six, and of the Independence of the United States the twentieth.

GO: WASHINGTON,

By the President.

TIMOTHY PICKERING,
Secretary of State.

FROM THE MARYLAND JOURNAL.

TROPHONIONS

Or Thoughts of an old AMERICAN VETERAN.

SOON do I hope to leave this lone abode,
And mount another, to the world unknown,
Where all my cares and all my trouble cease,
And virtue reigns, and justice is secure;
For I have fought, and I have lov'd to bleed,
To prop my country and maintain her rights.
Whole years I've toil'd in a destructive war,
Whose all-devouring jaws spread death around—
Whole nights I've watch'd in an impov'rish'd camp,
Endur'd fierce hunger, maim'd and almost naked,
I've expos'd my shiv'ring body to the winters blasts;
And all to guard our sacred rights, COLUMBIA,
From the curst grasp of tyranny and kings:
And yet, be witness, all-beholding heaven,
E'en now when age has bent me to the ground
And feeble nature sinks beneath the load,
How willingly my feeble aid should come,
E'en were the toils of war severer still,
To help my country to *revenge her wrongs*.
Yes, I should fling the withering garb away,
Swell the big muscle, and support the cause
For who can view, and viewing be a man,
The wide, insulted wrongs his country bar,
And bore in peace, without a single sigh,
Or one fond wish for darling retribution.
O! shameful, base, unnatural neglect,
Shall thus our glory wither in the bud,
And freedom tremble while a soldier lives?
Wake from the drowsy lethergy of sleep,
Nor lose, COLUMBIANS that heroic fire,
That arm'd our fathers, when oppression's hand,
Spread desolation o'er your peaceful plains.
O! prove yourseves the offspring, not the bastards
Of those brave men, who fought and lov'd to die;
To give you freedom, happiness, and ease,
Hark! the wak'd heroes, from the silent graves,
Burst the firm tombs, and supplicating beg
High heav'n's assistance in their country's cause
See, too, COLUMBUS rises from the grave,
Death can't confine him when his country calls—
See how he darts across the etherial space,
Wakes Liberty, and gives the Goddess charge:
"Why thus unmindful, you, to whom I gave
"The sacred trust to guard my infant countay?
"Why dost thou loiter here in idle sleep,
"While tyrants insult, and oppression smiles?
"Look to the East, where yonder boundless seas
"Roll to and fro—the lab'ring ocean groans
"Beneath the load of captur'd merchantmen.
"See ship on ships along the Atlantic course,
"Fore'd in by pirates to the perjur'd ports.
"See the brave sailor, toiling in the seas,
"To strengthen commerce, and the public weal
"Torn by the ruffian's hand, and forc'd to leave
"His friends, his country--all that he holds dear.
"And can'st thou sleep in such important times,
"When loud revenge calls each fierce hero forth,
"And retribution makes e'en cowards bold?
"Fix on thy ægis, hither bear thy way,
"And tell my country, if they've ought to fear,
"COLUMBUS and the GODS are arming for them.

ÆSCHEOELIUS.

ANECDOTE.

AS a pretty number of culprits were one day going to take their last degree at Tyburn, the wife of one of them pressed through the crowd, and told the sheriff she had come to see her husband executed, and begged "that he might be hanged first in the morning, as she had a great way to go home."

A GENTLEMAN calling upon a friend that lived a good way off, who was attended by a physician, asked the doctor if he did not find it very inconvenient to come to his friend from such a distance. "Not at all, Sir," replied the son of Esculapius, "for having a patient in the adjoining street, I can kill two birds with one stone." "Can you so," replied the sick man;—"then you are too good a shot for me;" and immediately dismissed him.

Half a Dollar a gallon

in Cash will be given for good Proof WHISKEY, delivered in Pittsburgh, and the same price allowed to Distillers who choose to pay off their duties in this article.

JOHN NEVILL.

Pittsburgh, December 28. 1795.

ALL persons having unsettled accounts or contracts with ELLIOT & WILLIAMS are requested to file their accounts with their agent JAMES NAILOR, at Pittsburgh, in order that the said accounts may be examined and compared with the books of the said Elliot and Williams, which being done, further notice will be published at what time attendance can be given at Pittsburgh to adjust and settle all accounts with the company.

ELIE WILLIAMS.

Pittsburgh, January 18, 1796.

WILLIAM EARL,

HAS this day received a quantity of MERCHANDIZE, among which is the following articles, viz:—*Best Rifle Powder, Shot, Sheet Copper and Iron, Crowley and Blister Steel, Copper Kettles, Window Glass 8 by 10 and 10 by 12, best London Pewter*, and a general assortment of *Carpenters Tools*, which he sells at the most reduced prices for Cash or Country Produce.

Pittsburgh, January 22, 1796.

SAMUEL BOYD,

IS *just opening for Sale at the dwelling house of Col.* John Perry, *near the mouth of Turtle creek, a very general assortment of DRY GOODS, suitable for the present and approaching season; also, Groceries, China, Queens Ware, Pewter, Sadlery, Cutlery, Mill and Cross Cut Saws, Carpenters Tools, Books well assorted, Window Glass, and sundry other articles too tedious to mention.*

A generous price will be given for all kinds of Merchantable country produce.

January 26, 1796.

DANCING SCHOOL.

R. DAVENPORT *has opened his School for the present season in a commodious room in the house occupied by Mr. William Earl, in Second street, between Market and Wood streets. Hours of attendance from five to nine o'clock on Monday, Wednesday and Friday Evenings, for young gentlemen; from twelve to five on Friday and Saturday for young ladies.*

In addition to the English dances usually taught, he means to introduce a variety of Reels and other dances, which are very much admired.

Pittsburgh, January 16, 1796.

John Patterson & Co.

HAVE *just received and are now opening a large and general assortment of* MERCHANDIZE, *which they will sell on moderate terms by wholesale and retail. They have also a large quantity of* CASTINGS, *which they will sell by the ton or piece.*

All persons indebted to the firm of JOSEPH PATTERSON & CO. *are requested to come and settle their respective accounts before the first of January next, as no longer time can be given.*

Pittsburgh, November 13, 1795.

FOR SALE.

TWO patented tracts of unimproved Land of 400 acres each, situate in Westmoreland county, on Crooked creek, about 6 miles up the creek from Green's station: these lands are of the first rate, bounded on the creek, and on one of the tracts is a choice mill seat. Also, a patented tract of 337 acres, on Puckety creek, not far from Robert Hall's, Esq. Also a patented tract of 280 acres, on Crow's run, 18 miles below Pittsburgh, near the Ohio For terms apply to the subscriber at No. 145, Chesnut Street, PHILADELPHIA, where he keeps an Office for buying and selling Real and Personal Estates, Bank Stock, certificates of every kind, does business by powers of attorney, in the Land Office, and in all public offices for demands of officers and soldiers in the late army in the war with Great-Britain.

ALEXANDER POWER.

October 3, 1795. 9t.

NEW STORE.

Just opened at the corner of Market and Fourth-streets, in the house lately occupied by Andrew Robinson, and opposite John Irwin's Store, a large and general assortment of

DRY GOODS, GROCERIES, &c.

which will be sold on the lowest terms for Cash or Country Produce.

ROBERT & JOHN BROTHERTON.

Pittsburgh, November 27, 1795.

A LIST of LETTERS remaining in the Post Office, Greensburgh, January 1, 1796.

ISAAC *Anderson, Esq. James Barr, Esq. James Bovard, Beaver run; Robert Brotherton, Esq. Allegheny; Samuel Breden, care of the Revd. Mr. Power; Thomas Boyd, Jacob's Swamp; Stephen Benson, Simrall's ferry; James Boal, near Greensburgh; John Crawford, care of the Rev. Mr. Swan; William Caldwell, Jacob's creek; William Coil, Marcus Coil, Charles Ceanning, Armstrong township; James and John Cairns, Huntington; Ezekiel Custard, James Crawford, care of George Smith, Esq. James Dugan, Donegal; John Douglass, John Eaken, Rostraver; James Ferguson, care of Col. Campbell; Thomas Fisher, Ligonier; John Fitz Hay, Hugh Finley, Beeson town; Ruth Gauterop, care of John Wilson; George Graham Forks of Yough; Richard Graham, Stewart, Crossings; Robert Herron, Allegheny; Thomas Hamilton, near Millers town; Thomas Jordan, Derry; William Jamieson, Ligonier; Sterling Johnston & Co. M'Kee's Port; Isaac Loan, George Lose, Patrick Long, Ephraim Latta, care of Colonel Smith; Charles M'Kee, George Miller, care of Robert Lee; George M'Lelland, Mount Pleasant; John M'Connel, care of William Tuck, Esq. Frederick Major, care of Mr. Drum; Rev. James M'Kinney, Robert Magee, care of William Jack, Esq. Uriah Matson, Armstrong; Charles Murray, Jacob's creek; William Murray, James Mahon, care of Joseph Cook, Esq. Isaace M'Keshon, care of Joseph Cook, Esq. Isaace M'Keshon, care of Joseph Cook, Esq. Isaace M'Kesh